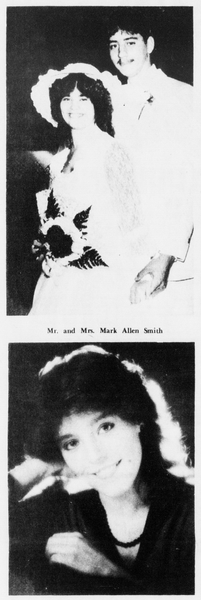
Social News

Mark Smith, Robyn Tregaskis wed



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Allen Smith

Miss Robyn Marie Tregaskis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tregaskis, RD 1, Carbondale, became the bride of Mark Allen Smith, USN, son of Mrs. Clyde Bennett, (the former Carol Gibbs), 193 Lincoln Ave., and Mr. Sandy Smith Jr., Railroad St., Forest City, on December 22, 1983 in St. Pius X Church, Royal. The 4 p.m. double ring ceremony was performed by Reverand John Ferguson, before an altar decorated for the Christmas season.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a formal length gown of white chiffonette designed with a snugly fitted Chantilly lace bodice sprinkled with seed pearls. It featured a Queen Anne neckline, bishop sleeves, natural waistline, bouffant double-tiered skirt, edged with matching lace and forming and aisle-wide chapel length train. Her veil of imported French illusion fell from a crystal sheated Chantilly lace picture hat accented with seed pearls and silk flowers. She wore cultured pearl earrings and a single drop cultured pearl necklace, gifts from the groom. Her bouquet featured red and white carnations, pink roses, holly and fern woven onto a white lace fan.

Lori Kay Ross, RD 2, Carbondale, was maid of honor attired in a wine colored gown with a sleeveless chiffon blouson bodice accented with a matching Chantilly lace yoke, high neckline, natural waistline and a soft, flowing fluid skirt. She wore an open crown picture hat accented with silk flowers, and carried a white lace fan accented daphne rose and wine colored carnations, holly and ferns.

Jody and Shannon Tregaskis, RD 1, Carbondale, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids attired in gowns of daphne rose identical to that of the honor attendent. They wore open crown picture hats and carried white silk fans.

Charles Brown, Carbondale, served as best man. Ushers were Henry Borick and Paul Kane, both of Carbondale. A reception at the Barn, Finch Hill, followed at 6 p.m.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of Lakeland High School and was employed by Surgerman's, Eynon.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Carbondale Area High School and is currently attending nuclear school at the Naval training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

For a wedding trip to the Poconos, the bride wore a black beaded jumpsuit with matching accessories.

The couple will make their home in Orlando, Florida.

JOSEPH STANLEY PACANOWSKI

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pacanowski, RD 2, Carbondale, are the parents of a son born January 18 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. The baby weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz. and has been named Joseph Stanely. The mother is the former Susan Everitt.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Everitt, RD 2, Carbondale.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pacanowski, RD 1, Clarks Summit.

The maternal great grandmother is Mrs. Viola Rivenburg, RD 1, Jermyn.

This is the couples first child.

STEPHANIE JANE WISNIEWSKI

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wisniewski, 177 Carbondale Road, Waymart, are the parents of a daughter born January 24 at St. Joseph's Hospital. The baby weight 7 pounds, 5½ ounces and has been named Stephanie Jane. The mother is the former Mary Louise Rogers.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wisniewski, RD 2, Forest City.

This is the couple's first child.

ASHLEY MARIE WORMUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas J. Wormuth, 25 Fernie Lane, Childs, are the parents of a daughter born January 24 at St. Joseph's Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 5½ ounces and has been named Ashley Marie. The mother is the former Jean M. Tuzze.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alessandro Tuzze, 126 Cottage Street.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wormuth, 10 Stone Drive, Childs.

This is the couple's first child.

Baby is named

MEREDITH LILLIAN HAMILL

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamill, 421 Ridge Street, Honesdale, are the parents of a daughter born January 26 at St. Joseph's Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and has been named Meredith Lillian. The mother is the former Donna Tyson.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tyson, 43 Archbald Street.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Hamill, Lansdale, PA.

The newcomer has one brother, James Wesley, age 2½.

ANNA THERESA PARISE

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parise, 709 South First Ave., Lebannon, Pa., are the parents of a daughter born January 26. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz., and has been named Anna Theresa. The mother is the former Kathy Kacer.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kacer Sr., 8 Phoenix Ave.

The paternal grandfather is Mr. Michael Parise, Reynolds Ave.

The newcomer has two brothers, Thomas, age 10 and Kevin, age 8; and one sister Katie, age 6.

GERILYN PIETRA SAVAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald P. Savage, 8 Ninth Avenue, are the parents of a daughter born January 26 at St. Joseph's Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and has been named Gerilyn Pietra. The mother is the former Toni Lee Costantino.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony G. Costantino, RD 1, Waymart.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Savage, 62 South Church Street.

The newcomer has one sister, Samantha Lee, 3 years.

Donald Burch to marry in New York

The engagement of Miss Stacey Rachelle Lipman and Lt. Donald Maurice Burch has been announced by the parents of the prospective bride, Mrs. Connie B. Lipman of White Plains, New York, and Mr. Arnold T. Lipman of Mamaroneck, New York. The future bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Burch of Carbondale.

Miss Lipman is a graduate of White Plains High School and Wilkes College where she received her bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is currently employed by A & S in their executive training program.

Lt. Burch is a graduate of Carbondale Area High School and Wilkes College where he received his bachelor of arts degree in computer science. He is presently serving in the United States Air Force at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, as a computer systems officer.

A fall wedding is planned.

Mrs. Festa honored at birthday party

A birthday party was held on January 22 for Mrs. Columbia Festa of Westgate Drive.

The party was given by her children and was held at the Ben-Mar Restaurant.

Attending were: Mrs. Bridget Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. John (Caroline) D'Aura, Mrs. Ann Gattuso, Mr. and Mrs. Carmino Festa, Mr. and Mrs. Mario (Joan) Staffaroni, Mr. and Mrs. James (Rosemary) Julliano, Mr. and Mrs. John (Mary) Leotti, Mr. and Mrs. Russell (Marge) Bonacci.

Joanna Sudlesky to wed Serafine Tolerico

Joanna Sudlesky

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sudlesky, 94 Valley View Terrace, Forest City, announce the engagement of their daughter Joanna, to Serafine A. Tolerico, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tolerico, 13 Villa St.

The bride-to-be is a 1982 graduate of Carbondale Area High School and is employed by Community National Bank, Forest City.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1976 graduate of Carbondale Area High School and is owner-operator of Sar's Body Shop, Pike Street.

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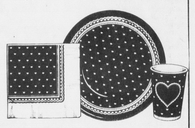

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1½ cups raisins
1 cup chopped walnuts

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Swedish teenager finds life in Carbondale interesting and fun

By LARRY GABRIEL JR.

Do you know any 17 year old who is residing more than 4,100 miles away from home? Most likely, the answer is not but after reading this story, you will know at least one such teenager.

Karin (Ke-rin) Soderberg, a foreign exchange student from Sweden, has been residing here while attending Carbondale Area High School. The 17-year-old has been in the area since August 23, 1983 and will complete her one year of study and return home this July.

Soderberg, A 5' 8" slender blond (no-not all Swedish girls are blonds according to Karin), lives in Tyresa, Sweden. Tyresa is a suburb of Stockholm, which has a population of approximately one million in the city and outlying suburbs.

Through the American Scandinavian Student Exchange program, Soderberg has been able to fulfill a dream - to visit America and experience the American way of life.

"A few of my friends went through the student exchange program and throughly enjoyed the experience. My friends convinced me to try the program and I have enjoyed my experience here.

"We hear so much in Sweden about the two most powerful countries in the world, the U.S. and Russia - so another reason why I wanted to come here - to learn the language."

The Swedish native, who is residing with Charles and Madeline (Scoblick) Dempsey has noted a number of basic differences in the educational systems of the two countries. The major difference is the number of years that a student attends school prior to college.

"In Sweden, grades are divided into three levels. First grade to third grade, fourth to sixth and seventh to ninth. Kindergarten starts at age six and children attend school from ages seven to 16 (nine years), said Soderberg.

School is held Monday through Friday but the daily class schedule starts and ends at different hours. Some days, school runs from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. while the other days may last from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"Math, Swedish and English are required. This makes school more enjoyable and you feel more a part of the school," said Soderberg.

The soft spoken Swede is participating in the Carbondale Area Chargerettes basketball program and is enjoying the experience.

Soderberg, who participates and coaches gymnastics in her native land, noted college education is free in Sweden.

Automobiles are used much more in the United States than in Sweden, notes Karin. Buses and subways are the major forms of transportation around Stockholm. Driving licenses are not issued to anyone under 18 years of age.

Social life among teenagers is the same with movies and parties, a major part of the social scene. "Parents are more strict here in that they seem to want to know more about how a teen spends his or her night out etc.," said Soderberg.

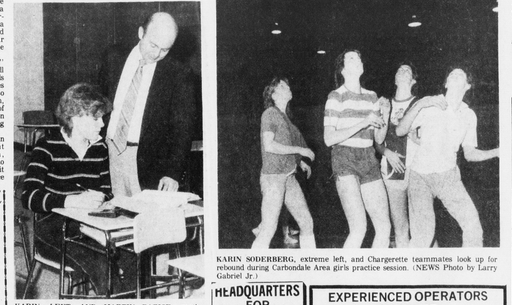
The 17-year-old also noted that Americans eat an enormous amount of junk food - chips, coco-cola etc.

Soderberg, who recently went on a three day skiing weekend to Lake Placid, N.Y., has also visited New York City. Before leaving in July, she hopes to visit California, Florida, and Washington D.C.

With a trip planned to Niagra Falls and a possible senior class trip to Florida, Soderberg will see more of the U.S. in the coming months.

"I have really enjoyed it here. I will definitely come back to the U.S. in future years," said Soderberg.

Even now, Karin has many things to tell her father, mother and older sister back home. With all the activities she has planned, she'll have even more adventures to relive once she gets back to Sweden next July.



KARIN SODERBERG, extreme left, and Chargerette teammates look up for rebound during Carbondale Area girls practice session. (NEWS Photo by Larry Gabriel Jr.)

KARIN, LEFT, AND MARTIN PARISE, math department, examine trigonometry problems prior to Karin's trigonometry class. (NEWS Photo by Larry Gabriel Jr.)

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